RP response to tsunami threat satisfactory

By Jocelyn R. Uy, Nancy C. Carvajal, Tonette Orejas and Inquirer Bureaus

ALERTED BY OFFICIALS SHOUTING through bullhorns and by news on radio and television, tens of thousands of Filipinos fled coastal towns in fear of the tsunami. One town erupted in the evacuation was Baler, stripped by a tsunami

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Parents take teachers to and from school in Patikul, Sulu LEARNING / G1

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SPLIT Residents wander about their collapsed building in Concepcion, Chile's second-largest city, after a powerful earthquake struck the country.

Chile quake death toll tops 300—and rising

TALCA, CHILE—A DEAFENING ROAR rose from the convulsing earth as buildings groaned and shattered. The sound of screams was confused with the crash of plates and windows.

Then the earth stilled, silence returned and a smell of damp dust filled the air as stunned survivors ran from their homes.

A journalist emerging into a darkened street in Talca found a man, some of his own bones apparently broken, weeping and caressing the head of a woman who had died in the collapse of a cafe. Two other victims lay dead a few meters away.

A mammoth 8.8-magnitude earthquake had just shuddered across a huge swath of central Chile at 3:34 a.m. Talca was just 105 kilometers from the epicenter.

One of the largest earthquakes ever recorded, the temblor tore apart houses, bridges and highways and sent a tsunami

CHILE A11

Quiboloy's name listed twice as Davao voter

By Christian V. Esguerra

IS PASTOR APOLLO QUIBOLOY, an influential religious leader courted by several presidential candidates, a "flying voter?"

Documents gathered by the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV) showed that Quiboloy's name was among some 40,000 voters entered as "double, multiple, or dead registrants" for the May 10 elections.

The number represented questionable voters in Davao City and Davao del Sur alone, according to PPCRV lawyer Howard Calleja, who called on volunteers nationwide to examine the official "posted computerized voters' list" (PCVL) in their areas.

In Davao City, Calleja said his group had uncovered at least 940 "zombies" or deceased people still registered as active voters.

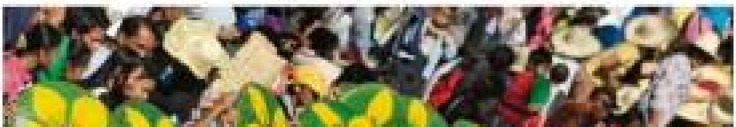
"This should serve as a wake-up call," he told the Inquirer in an interview yesterday. "Let us fix the voters' list because this is one way of cheating in this election."

Calleja is set to file this morning a manifestation urging the Commission on Elections (Comelec) to clean up all PCVLs around the country with two months to go before the local and national elections.

He will bring to the Comelec office copies of the 40,000-plus bogus entries which, he said,

QUIBOLOY'S A6

Reyes pushes GMA emergency powers



FLOWER PEOPLE Young people bearing flat baskets with floral design join the parade of floats on Session Road as Baguio City celebrates the Panagbenga Flower Festival, its top tourist attraction. (See story in Across the Nation, Page A17.)

Cites crisis of power in South

By Amy R. Remo and Christine O. Avendaño

ENERGY SECRETARY Angelo T. Reyes has asked President Macapagal-Arroyo to declare a power crisis in Mindanao so the government can use "emergency powers" to address the island's worsening supply shortage, which has led to brownouts of up to 24 hours.

Reyes said declaring a power crisis would allow the government to invoke Section 71 of the Electric Power Industry Reform Act and enable state-run National Power Corp. (Napocor) to buy or lease modular generation sets to augment the power supply in Mindanao.

The generator sets can be made available in one month, but these will be "very expensive sources of power," Reyes said.

Ms Arroyo's deputy spokes-

REYES A6

Stories about unity for Edsa read-along

By Kate V. Pedroso and Lawrence de Guzman
Inquirer Research

YOU DON'T ALWAYS HAVE TO talk about tanks and barricades to instill the Edsa spirit in the young.

Children's stories about unity and cooperation as a way of overcoming great obstacles marked the Inquirer Read-Along session held on Saturday to commemorate the 24th anniversary of the 1986 People Power Revolution.

TV personality Chynna Ortaleza read "Ang Pinaniwalan ng Ibon ang Pakpak," an Adarna-Batibot written by Rene Villanueva and published by Philippine Children's Television Foundation Inc.

The fable is about flying creatures called Pakpakan and how some handicapped members born with only one wing amazingly managed to take off by "linking" their wings together and flapping them in perfect sync.

The once-flightless breed

STORIES A11



Rooting for bet OK, but betting on pick illegal

By Leila B. Salaverria

IT'S OK TO ROOT FOR NOYNOY or Manny or Erap or Gibo, but just don't bet on any one of them winning in the May '10 presidential election. It could land you in jail.

Election Commissioner Rene Sarmiento has warned that gambling on the outcome of the balloting

ROOTING A4

'Jueteng' whistle-blower killed in Pasay road attack

By Mike Moralas and Leila B. Salaverria

THE WHISTLE-BLOWER WHO linked President Macapagal-Arroyo's elder son to an illegal numbers game at a Senate inquiry was shot dead on Sunday morning by men on two motorcycles.

Wilfredo "Boy" Mayor was ambushed at about 4:30 a.m. while the heavily tinted Volvo he was riding in was on a full stop at a red light on MIA Road in Pasay City.

Mayor, 54, a former bank employee and confessed "jueteng" lord in Albay, had just come from a meeting at a casino in Malate, Manila.

Doctors at San Juan de Dios Hospital on Roxas Boulevard declared him dead on arrival, police said.

Mayor suffered multiple bullet wounds in the body and head.

At the crime scene, police recovered 18 shells of an M-16 rifle and two shells of a .45 cal. handgun.

Mayor's car, which probers kept as evidence, bore 22 bullet holes, half of which were on the windshield. At least six bullets pierced the windshield in front of the passenger side where Mayor had sat.

Mayor's common-law, Alan Benedict Castro, and nephew, Rommel Mayor, survived the attack. Castro is being treated at the hospital for injuries.

Castro, whom police investigators interviewed in the emergency room, said he and the Mayors were on their way home to BF Homes in Parañaque City in a Volvo S80 from a casino in Malate.

On MIA and Domestic Airport Roads where the car waited for the traffic signal to change, at least four men on two motorcycles pulled up and opened fire at the car's right side, Castro told investigators.

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MAYOR: "Jueteng" whistle-blower

WEATHER FORECAST

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All automated machines here–Comelec

By Leila B. Salaverria

SMARTMATIC-TIM HAS DELIVERED ALL 82,200 COUNTING machines to be used in the automated elections on May 10, the Commission on Elections (Comelec) announced yesterday.

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Military hikes alert level after attack

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Int'l lawyers ask GMA: Free Morong 43

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If elected, Villar vows to make Baguio smell of pine again









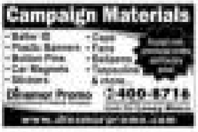
Rooting for bet OK, but betting on pick illegal



1 dead, 4 hurt in road accident

Serge misses LP rally on own turf

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Reyes pushes GMA emergency powers

NOYNOY LEADS IN MM, VILLAR, REST OF LUZON, A CLOSE FIGHT IN VISAYAS AND MINDANAO

As part of its TATAK RMN Radyo Mo Nationwide campaign to deliver responsive public service, RMN has released the results of its Nationwide Radio Listener Survey conducted last Jan. [illegible]–Feb. [illegible], 2010.

In Mega Manila, Sen. Noynoy Aquino led all presidential candidates with [illegible] followed by Sen. Manny Villar with [illegible].

In Luzon, Villar garnered [illegible] and Aquino [illegible]. In Visayas both candidates were neck to neck with Villar at [illegible] versus Aquino's [illegible]. While in Mindanao Villar got [illegible] versus Aquino's [illegible].

In the Vice presidential race, Sen. Mar Roxas led in all regional areas followed by Sen. Loren Legarda.

This comprehensive study is the first of its kind with results on a per city and regional grouping. This is made possible through the expertise and extensive reach of RMN stations all over the country.

These results are the first of three parts. The second result will be released on the [illegible] week of March and the last result will be released on the [illegible] week of April 2010.

The nationwide research utilized random sampling and face to face interviews with [illegible] radio listener respondents aged 18 years old and above, male and female. The margin of error is [illegible]. This activity is part of TATAK RMN Radyo Mo Nationwide thrust to serve the public and further strengthen its position as the number one media brand in the country.

The study was conducted by RMN Research headed by Mr. [illegible] in consultation with a respected group of research practitioners led by Col. [illegible], formerly of the Asia Research Organization.

The results are listed below. The complete data with Vice Presidential and Senatorial survey results can be viewed at [illegible] and RMN can also be reached at [illegible] for more information.

MEGA MANILA	%	LUZON Total	%	VISAYAS Total	%	MINDANAO Total	%
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Vice President		Vice President		Vice President		Vice President	
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2 Legarda, Loren	[illegible]	2 Legarda, Loren	[illegible]	2 Legarda, Loren	[illegible]	2 Legarda, Loren	[illegible]
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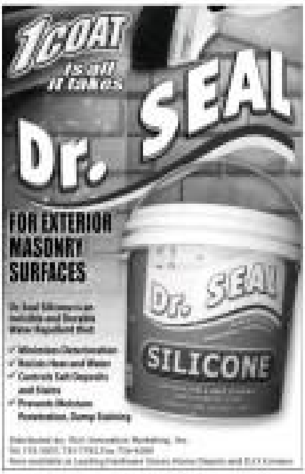
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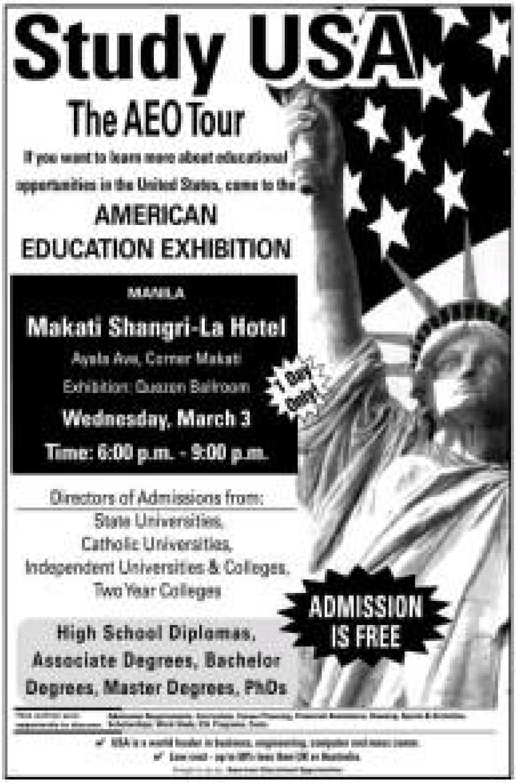
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Oscar Obligacion, 86, made generations of Pinoys laugh

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THE DAILY GOSPEL

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GMA foe to give good fight

NO TO SUBIC MONOPOLY

The Abono Party-list is asking President Gloria Arroyo to look into the joint venture agreement between the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) and the Harbour Centre Port Terminal, Inc. for port operations at the Subic Freeport Zone.

The Abono Party-list received an appeal from the present cargo handling firms that service the Subic Freeport Zone on the great disadvantages of the joint venture agreement between the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) and the Harbour Centre Port Terminal, Inc.

The appellants said that the Harbour Centre will monopolize port operations that will affect existing long term contracts between locators and cargo handling companies.

The existing locators and cargo handling companies with binding long term contracts have not been consulted or given notice of this proposal.

There are four main cargo handling firms that have existing and binding long term contracts (25-50 years) that will be affected.

These companies have combined investments of billions of pesos for their operation over the last 15 years on equipment and infrastructure.

Abono said that the existing 4 companies plus the other small cargo handling firms will be greatly affected by the joint venture agreement.

The Abono party-list is therefore appealing to the President to look into the negative effects of the joint venture in terms of the SBMA violating existing live contracts of several companies and opening the said agency to various lawsuits and its effect on the livelihood of about one thousand five hundred laborers and employees.

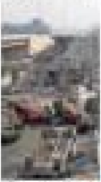
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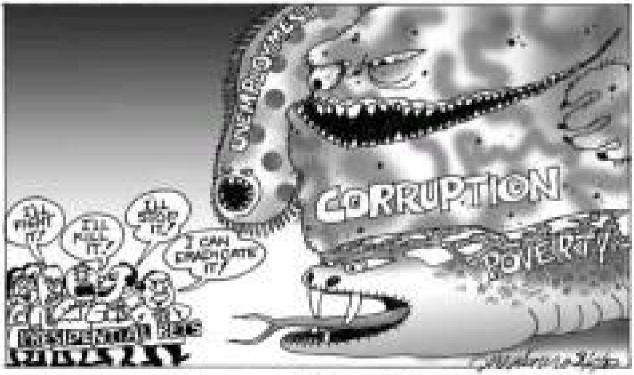




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GMA can't pick 'forbidden fruit'

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Thanks and a request, from Edo

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Fire gobbling up Quezon forest area

HIGH TEMPERATURES ARE making it more difficult for equipment-deprived workers to put out a fire now raging atop Mt. Cristobal, a protected area beside the mythical Mt. Banahaw in Laguna and Quezon provinces.

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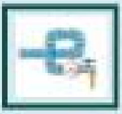
MAGTIPID TAYO NG TUBIG

Alam nating lubhang mahalaga ang tubig sa tao at kalikasan. Kailangan nating uminom ng tubig upang mabuhay. Kailangan ng halaman ang tubig upang ito ay lumago. Ngunit sa pagpasok ng taong 2015, nagsimulang maranasan ng Pilipinas ang *El Niño* kung saan nagkaroon tayo ng abnormal na panahon na naghahatid ng matagalang tagtuyot sa malaking bahagi ng bansa. Ang sitwasyong ito ay lubhang nakaaapekto sa tustos ng tubig at nagiging sanhi upang makaranas tayo ng kakulangan ng tubig para sa irigasyon, hydropower, agrikultura, at mga pangangailangang pang-industriya at pambahay.

Dahil na rin sa *El Niño*, ang mga tubig sa pangunahing reservoir tulad ng Magat at Angat Dam ay patuloy sa pagbulusok patungo sa kritikal na antas, kung kaya't hinihikayat ng pamahalaan ang publiko na magtipid sa tubig upang makaagapay sa kakapusan ng tubig hanggang matapos ito. Tinatayang tatagal ang *El Niño* sa bansa hanggang sa Hunyo ng taong ito.

Narito ang ilang gabay sa pagtitipid ng tubig:

Tiyaking hindi tumutulo ang gripo.



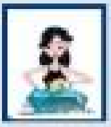
Siguruhing mahigpit ang pagkakasara ng gripo kapag hindi ginagamit. Umaabot sa 200 litro kada limang minuto ang nasasayang kapag naiiwang tumutulo ang tubig sa gripo. Hangga't maaari, maglagay ng low volume/high pressure (LVHP) nozzles o flow constrictors sa mga gripo sa lahat ng linya ng tubig. Mababawasang masayang ang tubig nang halos 50%.

Ipagbigay alam sa kinauukulan ang mga sirang tubo at *illegal connections*.



Tumawag sa MANILA WATER sa hotline 1627 at MAYNILAD sa hotline 1626 o kaya ay makipag-ugnayan sa Local Water Utilities Administration sa inyong lugar.

Maglaba nang minsanan upang hindi maaksaya ang tubig.



Gumamit lamang ng sapat na tubig at sabon. Huwag hayaang umaapaw ang tubig habang nagbabanlaw. Ang bukas na gripo ay makapag-aaksaya ng 8 na litrong tubig sa bawat minuto.

Mag-recycle ng tubig.



Ang pinagbanlawang tubig ay puwedeng gamiting pambuhos sa kubeta at panglinis ng sasakyan.

Maglaan ng puhunan para sa bagong modelo ng mga toilet bowls na gumagamit lamang ng halos 2.6 hanggang 4 na litro bawat flush.



Ang mga lumang modelo ay nakapag-aaksaya ng hanggang 14 na litro ng tubig kada flush. Ang pagpa-flush ng toilet ay kumukunsumo ng halos 30% ng gamit sa tubig ng isang tao. Maaari rin nating bawasan ang antas ng tubig ng ating toilet flush sa pamamagitan ng pagkontrol ng balbula.

Magtipid ng tubig sa paliligo.



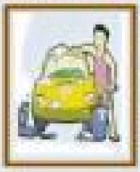
Gumamit na lamang ng timba at tabo sa paliligo. Isara ang gripo habang nagsasabon at nagsa-shampoo at mabilis na magbanlaw. Ang bukas na shower ay nakapag-aaksaya ng mula 9 hanggang 45 litro ng tubig sa bawat minuto.

Gumamit ng baso sa pagsisipilyo.



Huwag hayaang tumutulo ang tubig sa gripo habang nagsisipilyo. Mabilis na banlawan ang sipilyo upang makatipid ng 80% ng karaniwang paggamit ng tubig.

Iwasan ang paghuhugas ng sasakyan araw-araw.



Sa paglilinis, gumamit na lamang ng basahan at timba. Tinatayang 10 litro ng tubig ang maaaksaya sa bawat minuto kung gagamit pa ng hose.

Magbigay lamang ng tubig sa mga customer ng hotel at kainan kung sila ay hihingi.



Ipunin ang mga natirang inuming tubig ng mga customer upang gamiting pandilig sa mga halaman.

Tanggalin ang mga tirang pagkain sa pinggan bago ito hugasan.



Hangga't maaari gumamit ng palanggana at maghugas nang minsanan upang makatipid sa tubig at sabon.

Diligin ang mga halaman bago sumikat ang araw sa umaga at sa dapithapon.



Ang pagdidilig ng halaman sa mga oras na ito ay makakabawas sa water loss gawa ng mabilis na ebaporasyon.

Mag-imbak ng tubig ulan.

Ang tubig ulan ay maaaring gamitin sa pang araw-araw na pangangailangan gaya ng panglinis ng bahay, pandilig ng halaman at iba pa.

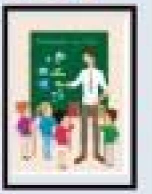


Sa mga gusaling hindi ginagamit sa gabi, patayin ang gate valve at buksan muli ito sa umaga.



Turuan ang mga kawani, mag-aaral o mga kasambahay kung paano sila makapagtitipid ng tubig.

Maaari ring isama sa mga aralin sa paaralan ang wastong pagtitipid sa tubig.



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E. Visayas awaits poll machines

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CHAMBER OF MINES OF THE PHILIPPINES

February 26, 2010

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo
Malacanang Palace
Manila

Dear President Arroyo,

This would acknowledge with great appreciation your efforts in revitalizing the mining industry and its inclusion in the Philippines' Medium Term Development Plan during your term as President. We know how much pressure this has entailed your Presidency judging from a number of opposition coming from some civil society organizations and some members of the Church. We are thankful that in spite of this, you continued to give us your unwavering trust and confidence through the full support of the Minerals Development Council that you created to oversee the industry's development.

We would like to inform you that the industry was able to deliver what was expected of it.
One thing is clear: the revitalization of the industry would have not been possible without the investment promotion efforts of the Administration and the policy reforms that were implemented in encouraging investments into what is now considered a sunshine industry.

In spite of the impact of the financial crisis, the industry performed well in terms of its contribution to the gross domestic product (GDP). Together with the services sector and infrastructure development, the mining and quarrying sector kept the Philippine economy away from recessionary tendencies.

The following highlights the mining sector's contribution to the Philippine economy which was achieved under your watch:

- o GDP contribution of the mining and quarrying sector was PhP21.6 billion (0.06% of GDP) in 2000 to PhP100.5 billion (1.30% of GDP) in 2009. The sector was the star performer during the last two (2) quarters of 2009, registering double digit growth in gross value added (gva) at 23% and 17%, respectively.
- o Gross mineral production value rose from P50.2 billion in 2005 to P102.2 billion in 2007. This however slid down to P88.9 billion in 2008 due to the decline in metal prices and reduced demand resulting from the impacts of the financial crisis. Preliminary estimates for 2009 is P112 billion.
- o Capital investments of about US$3 billion have been recorded since the 2004. About US$1.5 billion in investments is expected to be poured in this year with US$800 million coming from Sumitomo's US$2.257 billion nickel processing plant in Surigao del Norte; Sagittarius Mines,Inc., and Xstrata's US$93 million feasibility study of the US$5.2 billion Tampakan copper-gold project in South Cotabato and Red 5's US$65.9 million start up of Siana gold mine in Surigao del Norte.
- o Mineral exports rose from US$1.4 billion in 2006 to US$3.6 billion in 2009.
- o Excise tax, fees and royalties was P10.4 billion in 2007 and estimates for 2009 is placed at P22.0 billion. The release of the share of LGUs from excise tax on minerals starting in May this year is expected to be translated to developmental activities in mining host communities.
- o Employment was 123,000 in 2005 increasing to 160,000 in 2009. The multiplier effect of mining activities indicate that for each mining job, 4 to 10 jobs are created in the upstream and downstream business
- o Wages and benefits in the industry were recorded at P8 billion in 2006, increasing to P22.5 billion in 2009.
- o Commitment to environmental management and mine rehabilitation before closure is P21.7 billion, an assurance that no legacy or abandoned mine will exist in the future.
- o Commitment for social and community development is P1.2 billion benefiting about 749 host and neighboring communities of 385 mining projects.
- o A continuing participation in the government's "Adopt a Tree, Adopt a Mining Forest Program" documented the industry's commitment to helping address "Climate Change" by planting 8 million trees from 1997 to 2009;

The gains could have been higher had not the effects of the financial crisis in 2007 affected project deliverables. Moreover, while some policy reforms still need to fully realize the development of the country's mineral potentials, the strong leadership shown by your Excellency and the assistance provided by the Minerals Development Council you created have been crucial in many of the policy reforms that enabled the mining industry to deliver. We expect that the industry will continue to play a pivotal role in the country's development particularly in reducing poverty in the countryside where majority of the population reside.

For all these, we have you to thank.

Very truly yours,

BENJAMIN PHILIP G. ROMUALDEZ
President

cc: DENR Secretary Horacio C. Ramos
MGB Director Edwin G. Domingo

Stories about unity for Edsa read-along

Edsa photos

Aligned with Kiwanis motto

Perfect mix



This time, it's exposé over gov't contracts, says Cruz

IN THE KNOW

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Ominous feeling

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Dahil sa Inyong Pagtangkilik

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Drive@earth

3 Winners from Metro Manila
1 Winner from Luzon
1 Winner from Visayas
1 Winner from Mindanao



Promo Mechanics

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		Visayas	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
		Mindanao	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
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JUST WEEKS BEFORE MAY POLLS

Reyes' son is new Taguig congressman

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE SON OF ENERGY SECRETARY ANGELO REYES has been declared by the House of Representatives Electoral Tribunal (HRET) the winner in the Taguig congressional race in 2007.



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Chile ready for temblor, Haiti wasn't





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Under fire, climate panel seeks outside review

Poll setback tests Taiwan's China-friendly leader

Spain says ETA chief arrested in France

Afghanistan protects rediscovered rare bird

Israeli cops storm holy site to quell protest

Death toll rises as storms lash Europe

Al-Qaida suicide bomber calls for jihad



Australia gay parade draws 300,000 spectators



The World

VERDICT AGAINST THAKSIN

Grenade attacks raise tensions in Thailand

BANGKOK—THAILAND TIGHTENED SECURITY on Sunday after two grenades exploded outside branches of the country's biggest bank in a suspected reaction to a court verdict against deposed Premier Thaksin Shinawatra.



SUPPORTERS of ex-Premier Thaksin Shinawatra weep after the Supreme Court ordered the seizure of his $1.4 billion fortune on Friday.

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After US grilling, Toyota's president brings case to China

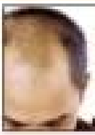
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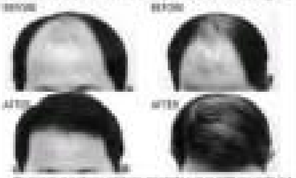
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Fluid start













Upbeat RP Davis Cuppers off for Osaka



Canadian rules 2nd lap, grabs Luzon Tour lead

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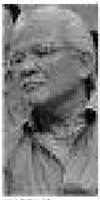






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Zach's got Memphis' back

With Wade still out, Miami woes continue

NEW YORK—ZACH RANdolph had 31 points and a career-high 25 boards against his former team as the Memphis Grizzlies beat the New York Knicks 120-109 Saturday to tie a franchise mark with their fourth straight road victory.



MEMPHIS Grizzlies big man Zach Randolph (right) powers his way to the hoop against New York Knicks forward Al Harrington. AP







Puyat tops Philracom money list

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Firm offers ₱4.85B for gov't stake in SLEx

Star Tollway seen tapping San Miguel as partner

By Doris C. Dumlao and Paolo G. Montecillo

STAR TOLLWAY CORP. HAS OFFERED P4.85 BILLION to take over the government's small but strategically crucial stake in the operation of Southern Luzon Expressway (SLEx), heating up a bidding war with the Manuel V. Pangilinan-led Metro Pacific group.



EMPLOYMENT is expected to reach a historic high in the next quarter as companies plan to hire more workers and expand operations due to the anticipated economic recovery.

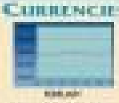
BSP's employment outlook index hits all-time high

By Michelle V. Remo

THE EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK index has hit a historic high, with companies planning to hire additional workers in the coming quarter...

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Follow-through buying seen

Napocor lists 14 potential sites for nuclear facility

By Amy R. Remo

STATE-RUN NATIONAL POWER CORP. HAS identified 14 candidate sites for a nuclear power plant, should the government pursue such controversial project.

GMA 7 leads Metro ratings in Jan.

By Paolo G. Montecillo

GMA NETWORK INC. SAID IT CONTINUED to assert its dominance as the leading television network in Metro Manila last January, citing an AGB Nielsen Philippines survey.

The Greek crisis: Should we care?

No Free Lunch

Cielito F. Habito



From financial to fiscal

Greek woes

Domino effect

Harbor woes

Biz Buzz
by the staff

THE RECENT DEBACLE IN THE TAKEOVER of the Manila North Harbor was caused by a lot of problems, not least of which was the winning private firm's own lack of preparedness to take over the country's busiest port.

Among other issues, the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) had criticized Manila North Harbour Port Inc. (MNHPI), a joint venture between businessmen Reghis Romero II and Manuel V. Pangilinan, for not having the proper equipment for the job.

This begs the question, how does a consortium with MVP in it—who has earned a reputation for having the golden touch in business—mess up so much?

A port official said this may be because MNHPI's operations are "simply" not in MVP's hands. With his bloc controlling only 35 percent of the company, which has the 25-year contract to modernize the port, MVP does not call the shots, the source said, hence, the resulting lapses that led to the costly delays.

MVP's partner, the port official said, has not done enough in recent months to ensure the smooth privatization, causing headaches for all stakeholders. As the official put it, "maybe Pangilinan should just step in and maybe, all of this can be done more professionally." *Paolo Montecillo*

Close call

TAXPAYERS narrowly averted the loss of P6.2 billion in assets after the Supreme Court last week rejected (with finality) the compromise between Philippine National Construction Corp. (PNCC) and British Virgin Islands-based debt company Radstock Securities Ltd.

The Supreme Court originally rejected the deal by a vote of 8-4 in December 2009 with no less than Associate Justice Antonio Carpio describing it as "one of the most brazen and heinous in the history of this country."

Radstock appealed the decision, but when it came down to the second voting, the final tally was a razor-thin 7-6 against Radstock.

Those who voted to deny Radstock's appeal were Chief Justice Reynato Puno, Associate Justices Antonio Carpio, Conchita Carpio Morales, Teresita Leonardo-de Castro, Arturo Brion, Roberto Abad and Martin Villarama Jr. Those who dissented were Associate Justices Lucas Bersamin, Renato Corona, Presbitero Velasco Jr., Antonio Eduardo Nachura, Jose Perez and Jose Mendoza.

There were rumors last week that one justice from the affirmative side would switch sides and hand the win to Radstock, but no such reversal happened. Close call.

Metrobank property unit to double capex for 2010

By Doris C. Dumlao

Federal Land bullish on real estate sector

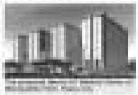
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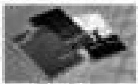
Follow-through . . .

Metrobank Group's Grand win at the Anvil:

Recognizing a vision to build the nation







Maybank

MIAA sets 10-year development budget of ₱40B

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RP exports to Japan slide

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DENR eyes implementation of mining reforms

Restriction on exportation of unprocessed mineral products

RP gets $4.4M FAO grant for agri projects

Philam Asset to focus on Asia's growth sectors

Financing for $270-M Naga power plant OKd

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BUSIN[ESS]

Learning from the creative Filipino organization

WORKPLACE WISDOM

Need for creativity and innovation



Cory alive in noble work she left behind

FORMER PRESIDENT CORAZON C. Aquino

Five-million target

The visitors

Four steps

Your image is serious business

MAPping THE FUTURE



Example of "turn-off"

Why is image important?

How is your voice image?

Action item: Make image high priority!

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Enriching your points of view

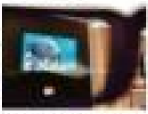


'Entertainment box' out to shock and awe

By Raquel P. Gomez

Adding a dimension to TV viewing

By Charles E. Buban





LG Electronics said it is also developing 3D LCD TVs that no longer need 3D glasses.

Smart launches SurfTV

By Paolo G. Montecillo



From Globe, the best Blackberry yet

By Dainon L. Lucas

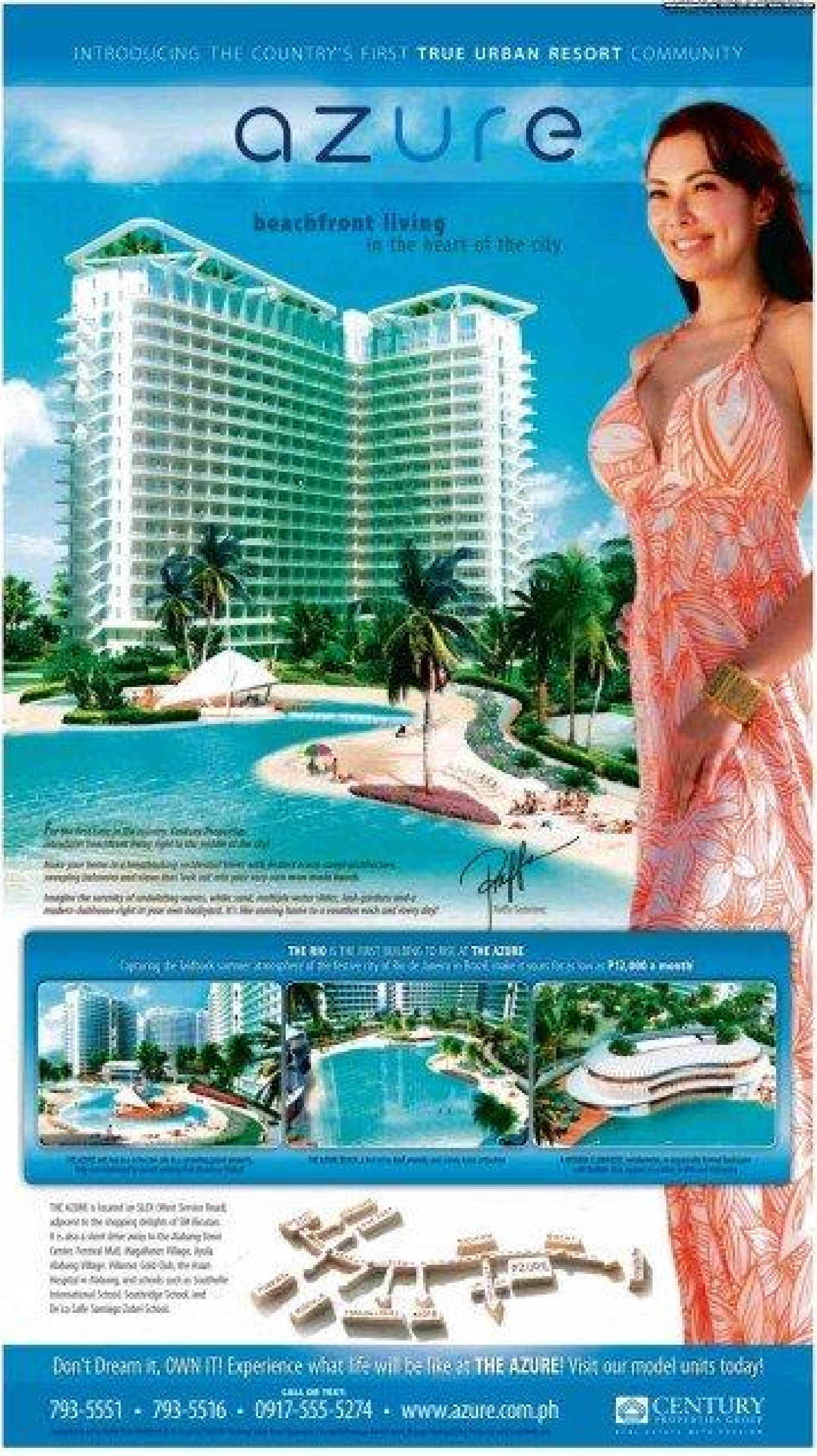


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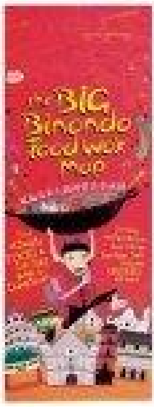
Intramuros tries to reclaim its glory



Pushed to the wall, the Walled City fights back

Manila's biggest fans

Take the Intramuros walk with Carlos Celdran and the Binondo Walk with Ivan Man Dy



PRIDE OF PLACE

Augusto F. Villalon







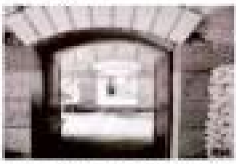
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BAMBI Harper of Intramuros Administration



NESTOR Jardin of CCP Cultural Center



CONSTRUCTION of Maestranza

Cultural progression

Audience for the arts

Perfect backdrop



Fitting tribute to Lucio D. San Pedro



By Antonio C. Hila
Contributor

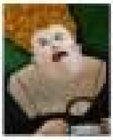
Creative nationalist

Depressing moment

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Legaspi at Alliance Française







BY GARY Custodio

Rodriguez, Custodio at West

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Manila's . . .

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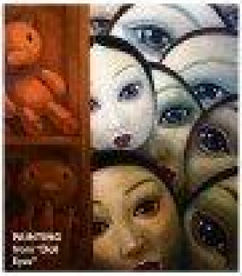

CARLOS Celdran

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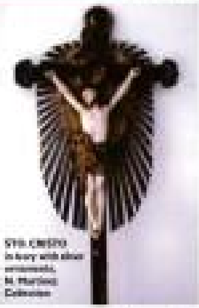
Best part

Joy Mallari's 'Doll Eyes' at Ayala


PAINTING-ILLUSTRATION from the book "Doll Eyes"


PAINTING from "Doll Eyes"







'Jesus Crucificado': A Lenten exhibit



A different kind of devotion





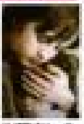


THE CROWD during Mass at Basilica Minore



SMART volunteers cleaning up the day after the festivities

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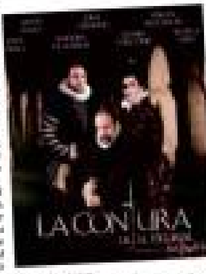


LIFESTYLE Arts&Books



Instituto Cervantes premieres unique cycle of Spanish-European movies

EXPERIENCE ONCE AGAIN THE charm, diversity and uniqueness of Spanish and European films as Instituto Cervantes presents Cine con Europa, a cycle which showcases film gems coproduced between Spain and member-countries of the European Union (EU) such as Portugal, United Kingdom (UK), Italy and Germany.



Cine con Europa is part of Instituto Cervantes de Manila's celebration of Spain's presidency of the EU. Screenings will be held at the center's Salon de Actos every Saturday for the whole month of March.

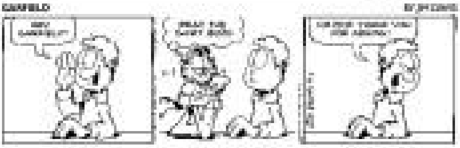
"La Conjura de El Escorial" (El Escorial Conspiracy) will open the festival on March 6. The film is a fast-paced historical thriller based on the killings and conspiracy at Philip II's court with political and detective intrigues in the context of the struggles and disputes between the House of Alba and its followers and the House of Mendoza.

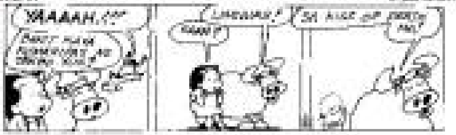
On March 13, Vicente Peñarrocha's fantasy film "[illegible]," based on the true human psychological damage that has been carried out in Guantanamo Bay, will be shown.

Brad Anderson's thriller drama "Transsiberian," about deception and murder when an American couple encounters a mysterious pair of fellow travelers on a Trans-Siberian train journey from China to Moscow, will be screened on March 20.

If you're in the mood for dark comedy, then Juan Carlos Falcón's "La Caja," showing March 27, is the movie for you. Set in the mid-'60s in the courtyard of a small fishing village in the Canary Islands, the [illegible]

GARFIELD



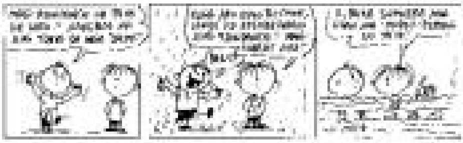


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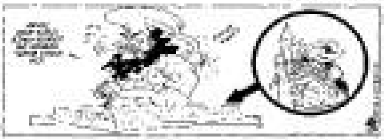
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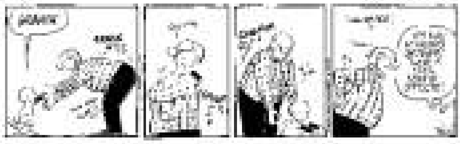




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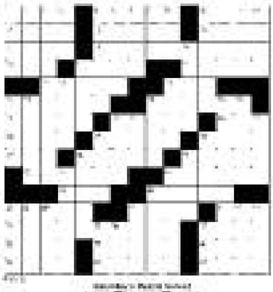
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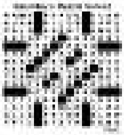
HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

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movie begins with a man, feared by everyone in town, passing away suddenly.

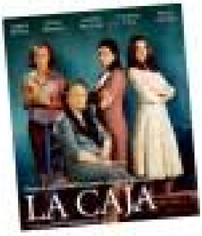
With no room to hold the wake in their tiny apartment, his wife asked their neighbor to lay the corpse in an apartment. Unknown to the widow, her husband's death ... everything that the townspeople are hoping for.

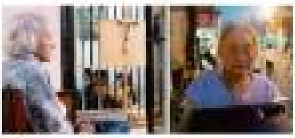
Cine con Europa is organized by Instituto Cervantes de Manila in collaboration with the Spanish Embassy and Spanish Agency International Cooperation for Development (AECID).

Admission is free on a first-come, first-served basis. Call ..., visit http://manila.cervantes.es. Instituto Cervantes de Manila is at 855 TM Kalaw St., Ermita, Manila.








SCENES from "Lola"


BRILLANTE Mendoza

UST Cinevita to premiere Brillante Mendoza's 'Lola' and 'Kinatay'

THE UST VARSITARIAN, THE country's premier Catholic campus paper, will screen internationally acclaimed films "Kinatay" and "Lola" during the 2010 UST Cinevita Film Festival on March 4 at the Thomas Aquinas Research Complex (TARC) auditorium, University of Santo Tomas, España, Manila.

On March 3, Cinevita will open at the ... Conference Hall of the UST Faculty of Arts and Letters with the documentary "Demographic Winter: The Decline of the Human Family," ...

On the same afternoon, Cinevita will screen acclaimed indie movies ... "Last Supper No. 3" (2009 Cinemalaya Best Film), ...

On March 4, Cinevita will move to TARC for the UST premiere of "Lola" and "Kinatay." The movies' filmmaker, Brillante Mendoza, the 2009 Cannes film festival Best Director, with the cast of the two movies, will answer questions from the audience during an open forum after each screening.



Screenings are free but slots are limited. Cinevita, ... the Varsitarian, the 82-year-old official student organ of UST. This year's screenings are part of the Varsitarian's contributions to the 400th anniversary of UST in 2011.

For inquiries, call the Varsitarian at ... Visit www.varsitarian.net.

Rudolf Golez opens Chopin Manille 2010 Bicentennaire March 1

By Pablo A. Tariman
Cover Stories

THE STAGES IN RUDOLF Golez's musical life reveals fascinating ... turning points ...

Performing under pressure

...

Going for big picture

...





Maybank signs up with BancNet

Maybank Philippines a subsidiary of Maybank, Malaysia's largest financial group, recently signed up as a member of BancNet. It has an extensive network of 45 branches and 54 ATMs which are strategically located in key cities nationwide. By joining BancNet, the largest multi-bank, multi-channel payment network in the country, Maybank gives its over 18,000 cardholders access to exclusive services including debit shopping in stores and online, and the online payment of bills, taxes and SSS contributions.

Present during the signing ceremonies were (from left): BancNet president Francisco M. Cajucom, Jr., chairman Ricardo R. Chua, Maybank senior vice president of Central Operations Group Edwin A. Mendiola and senior vice president of Retail Banking Group Richard C. Lim.



MERCURY DRUG - OPERATION BIGAY LUNAS 2010

Today March 1, 2009, Mercury Drug celebrates its 65th anniversary by conducting "OPERATION BIGAY LUNAS" (OBL) in 80 cities and municipalities nationwide. Now on its 12th year, the OBL, which is an annual one-day free medical services and health consultations, and free medicines are also distributed among patients.It aims to serve more than 100,000 patients this year. This undertaking is made possible through the cooperation of Mercury Drug's business partners, provincial governors, city and municipal mayors,Doctors, Nurses, Local Government Units (LGU's) and other volunteers. This is one way of thanking its customers for their continuous patronage.

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CAST OF 9 Works Theatrical's production of Jonathan Larson's "Rent," directed by Robbie Guevara

Dying bohemians in the throes of song

9 Works Theatrical's "Rent" was efficient, handsome-looking and shallow

By Gibbs Cadiz

SINCERE. Synthetic. Can those contradictory impulses co-exist as two halves of one show?

It's a thought worth pondering in the wake of 9 Works Theatrical's just-ended production of Jonathan Larson's "Rent," which ran at the RCBC Theater to often full houses this February.

The latest local incarnation of the Broadway behemoth, mounted 11 years after Monique Wilson's New Voice Company first staged it in Manila under Bobby Garcia's direction, rounded up a fresh, mostly young cast to belt out "Rent's" by-now mainstream tunes to a new generation of theatergoers, many of whom were seeing the show live for the first time (a movie version, starring most of the original Broadway cast, came out in 2005).

What they saw was a good enough introduction to the material—if that meant the show wrapping itself up with an ambient music and the actors going through their paces

Grammy winner Ashkenazy and sons to play in Manila

By Michelle T. Lagarta
Contributor

WORLD-RENOWNED and much-revered pianist Vladimir Ashkenazy will be performing at the Cultural Center of the Philippines on March 11, in "Concert for a Culture for Peace."

The event is a rare opportunity for music-lovers to witness his genius and artistry and offers the bonus of watching Ashkenazy perform with his two sons, clarinetist Vovka and pianist Dimitri.

To those who know their classical music, Vladimir Ashkenazy's name would bring on a loud pealing of bells as well as a wave of



VLADIMIR Ashkenazy

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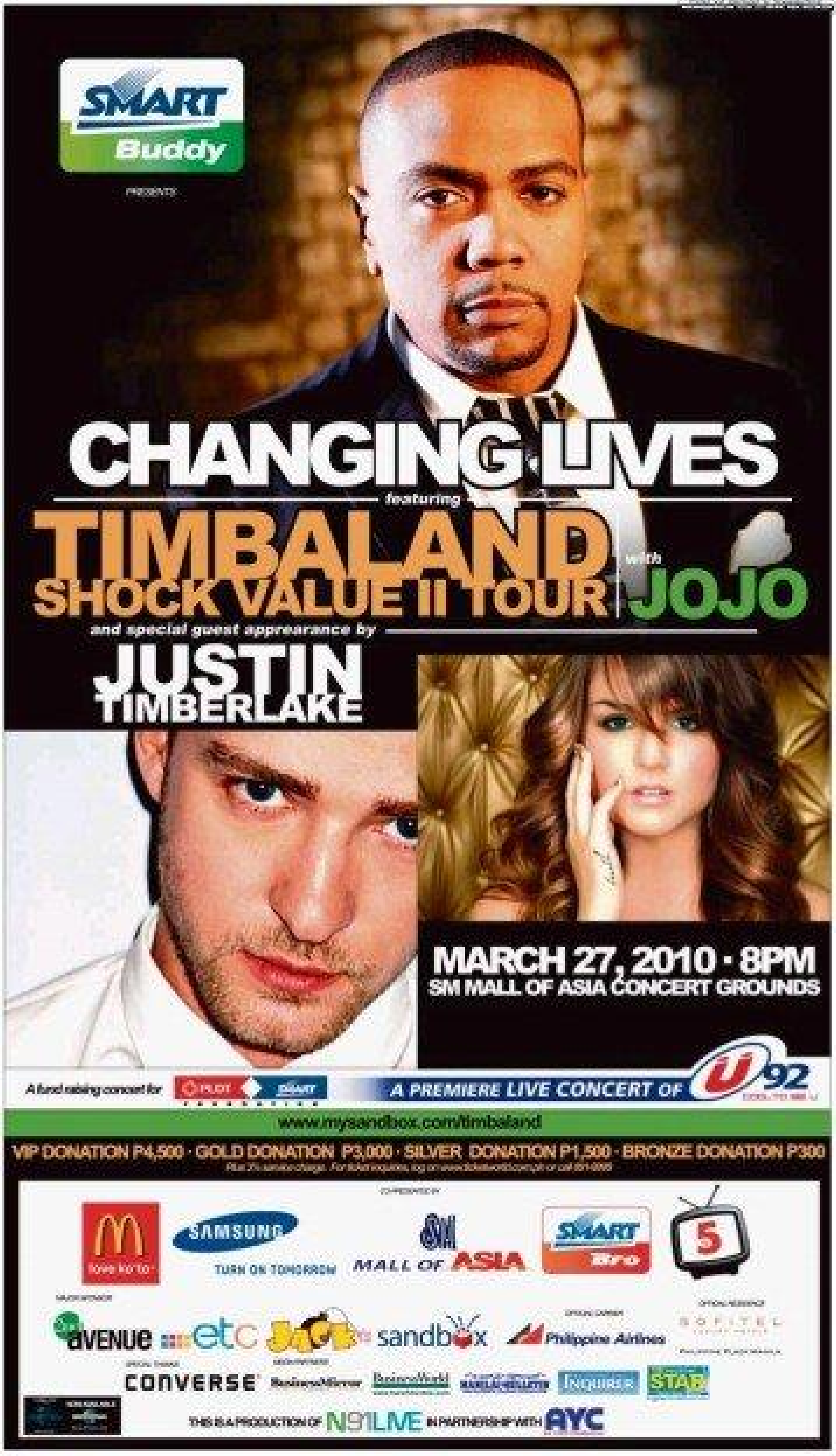


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How Globe Asiatique and the Lee family are building the dream Pinoy home

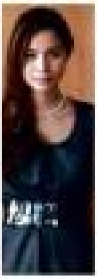


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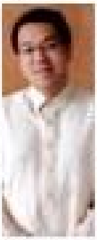
"Seeing so many happy families in our developments is the best inspiration. It's amazing to see residents come up and thank our family for the job we have done"







Globe Asiatique Vice President for Sales and Marketing Divine Lee

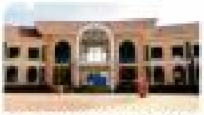


Globe Asiatique Chief Financial Officer Dexter Lee

Divine and Dexter Lee









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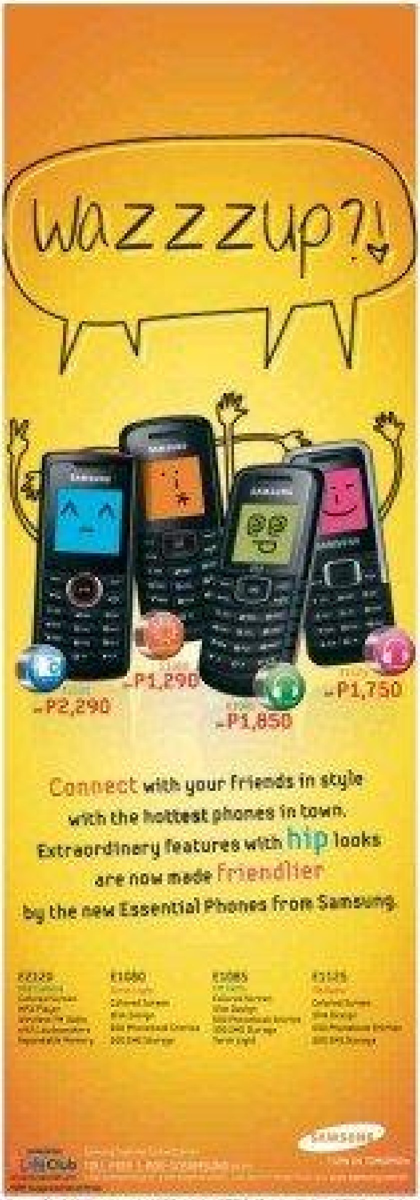


'Red Shoes' made for walking

The story of a boy who steals a pair from Imelda's collection

From the fringe to center stage







Has Maja Salvador gone wild?

DOLLY WOOD



Dolly Anne Carvajal



Ogie Alcasid



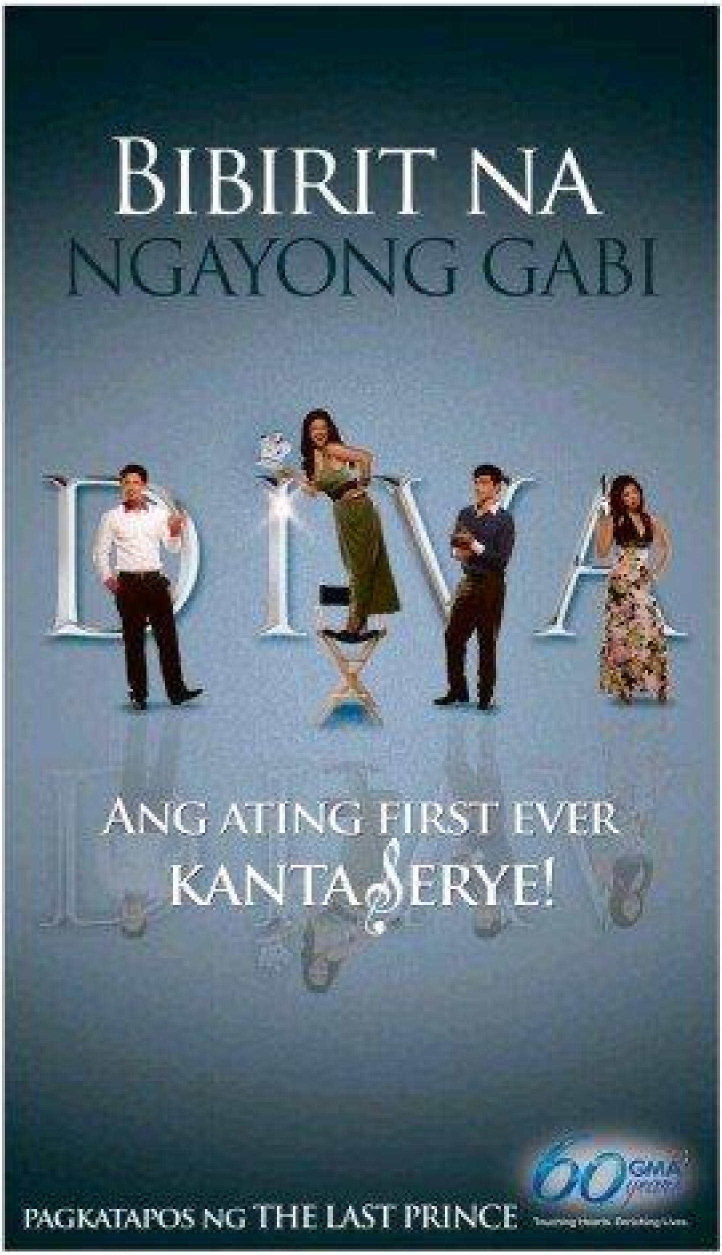
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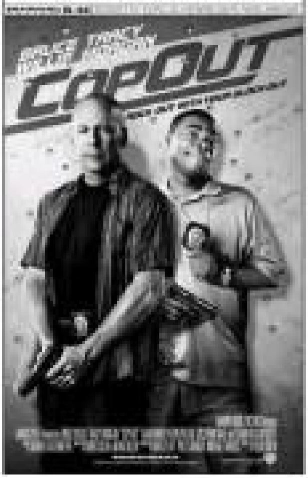


'Sibling Revelry' revives old era

REVIEW

High point







MORGAN Freeman as South African president Nelson Mandela

Inspiring viewing experience

VIEWFINDER



Nestor U. Torre

> Anything is possible when a few good men join forces to right a seemingly irredeemable wrong

Focus on Mandela

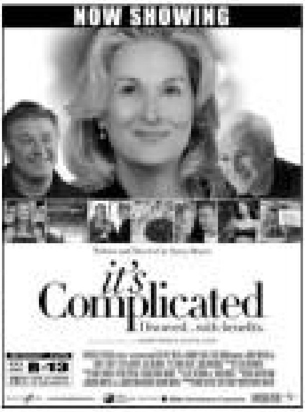


'Red Shoes' made…









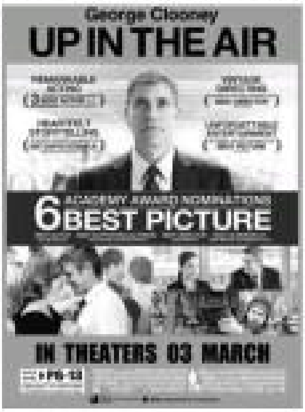


From the fringe…

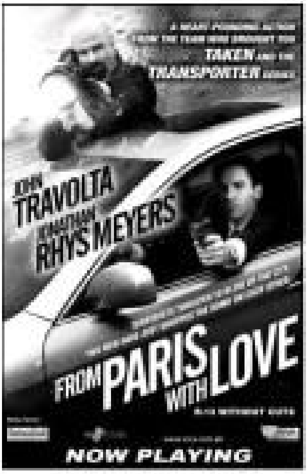
Still pushing it

The first hit

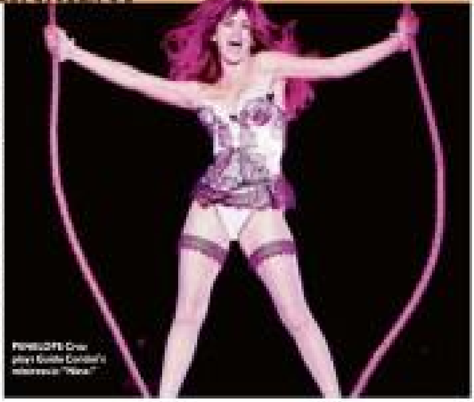








'Precious': Great cinema



'Nine': 5 on a scale of 1 to 10

Ateneo Math Olympiad tests students' numeracy skills/G3

Rachy teaches the teachers/G4

LEARNING

A lesson plan on the 2010 elections
Mock elections / G4

Looking after their own in Patikul



BONG Cattoaren



THE SCHOOLS IN Patikul remained closed after the death of head teacher Bong Cattoaren.

Ghost town

Choosing education



Enlightening men on new gender equations





Women's studies for men

Why the need

Walk-through



PARTICIPANTS

Playgrounds for the MIND

Member Schools

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Brazilian Ambassador lectures at Miriam College

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TIP, PHIL-NIPPON SIGN AGREEMENT

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PWU WINS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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DLSU-D holds 'DeMOCKraya'

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Jollibee awards Southville for CSR efforts

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UE hosts presidential candidates' forum

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Silcat, the Philippines' second solar car, now set to stage its run across the Philippines

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San Beda College's Pro-Bar review program set

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FEU welcomes LMU president

[illegible]

National review for principal's exam set

[illegible]

ATENEO RECEIVES GIFT OF SCHOLARSHIP FROM SECURITY BANK

[illegible]



EUREKA! Queena N. Lee-Chua



Math showcase winners



FR. JOHNNY GO, S.J.

[illegible]

Grade school

[illegible]

High school

[illegible]

Catching the reading 'fever'

By Yolanda Sotelo
Inquirer Northern Luzon

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Wanted: 'Lola Basyang'

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Brain Show held in Capas

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Best science project cleans wastewater

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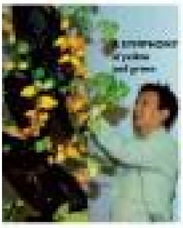
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Teachers learn how to make drama with simple stuff





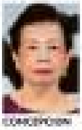






ONIONS and paper flowers

UP professors named National Scientists



CONCEPCION



DOMINGO

DEAN AND THE MACHINE



Inquirer in Education

Hold your own mock elections

Objective

Materials

Procedure

3 from PDI to receive UST-FAL outstanding alumni awards

CLASS ACT



TRAVELING BACK IN TIME